Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA repeated his request for joint inspection and said that if, at the time of the inspection, the officers of Government were able to convince the raiyats that they had no grievance on account of the existing rates of land revenue, the raiyats would give an undertaking that they would make no more representations in future for reduction of those rates. If, on the other hand, the officers were convinced that the raiyats had a grievance, then it would be up to them to give the required relief to the raiyats without any hesitation whatsoever.

The PRESIDENT replied that the Revenue Commissioner would soon arrange for a special inspection in the Kolar District.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA requested that the Revenue Commissioner might give previous intimation to the representatives of the district so that they might also accompany him in that inspection.

The PRESIDENT agreed to this suggestion.

Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA then referred to a suggestion made in the Assembly on the previous day that fees should be levied in all middle schools so that Government might be enabled to open more schools in different parts of the State, and said that he was shocked to hear that a responsible member of the Assembly should have thought it fit to make such a suggestion. It was the ambition of most members of the Assembly that education even in the high school grade ought to be made free in all cases. Such being the case, it was a most ill-advised suggestion for anybody to make that middle school education should no longer be free.

Mr. SYED KHAJI YUSUFF SAHIB said that the leather industry in Mysore which was providing employment to a very large proportion of labourers, was hit hard on account of the export duty imposed by the Government of India on raw hides. There was a strong feeling in the State that the Government of India must be requested to give protection to wattle bark. He requested the Government to take up the matter with the Government of India.

Extension of the Session.

At this stage on the request made by Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar, **the PRESIDENT** announced that the session would be extended by two days so that full time might be available for transacting the remaining business in accordance with Standing Orders.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-25 p.m. to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, 15th June 1938.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Wednesday, 15th June 1938, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Planting of Bagani Trees by Village Panchayats.

Q.—33. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY,** Chikmagalur Taluk, and **K. MALLE GOWDA,** Mudgere Taluk.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the bagani plantation work (planting of toddy trees) is going on under the Rural Reconstruction Scheme in Hariharpur Village (Koppa Taluk); if so, the number of trees to be planted;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is intended to add to the income of the village panchayat by allowing the trees to be rented and tapped;

(*c*) (i) whether it is a fact that the Vice-President of the Kadur District Board has drawn the attention of the Government through his diary to put an end to such schemes; (ii) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the action that the Government have taken in the direction?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT** (**Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao**).

(*a*) About 100 bagani trees have been planted.

(*b*) To what use they will be put, will have to be decided 12 or 15 years hence when alone they will be fit for tapping.

(*c*) (i) Yes.

(ii) No action was called for.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—What was the object of planting bagani trees and what is the use derivable from them?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—The trees have been planted by the village panchayat. And as regards the use, it is a question for the future.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Do the Government know that toddy is tapped from the bagani trees and that therefore the object of the panchayat in planting these trees might be to derive excise revenue?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—Toddy is tapped from bagani trees. But I do not know whether it is with the object of deriving excise revenue that they planted them in Hariharpur. They must have done it just as they planted many other kinds of plants.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—At a time when prohibition is being urged everywhere, is it desirable to encourage panchayats to grow bagani trees?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I can appreciate your point of view. We will see what can be done in the matter. I may, however, add that bagani is a very useful and handsome tree.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Instead of encouraging the planting of bagani trees, why should not the Government encourage the growing of tamarind and other fruit-bearing trees?

Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO.—That is also being done.

The SECOND MEMBER (**Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau**).—We are supplying seeds and seedlings free of cost.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—But the planting of bagani trees naturally rouses suspicion in our minds. Will the Government appreciate this point?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—Yes, but I may say that Government are also surrendering for cultivation date groves in a number of cases.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—Have the Government received any representations from users of toddy that bagani trees should not be planted?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—No.

Water Supply to Chikmagalur Town.

Q.—34. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY**, Chikmagalur Taluk, and **K. MALLE GOWDA**, Mudgere Taluk.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if they are aware of the fact that scarcity of drinking water is being keenly felt in Chikmagalur Town;

(*b*) whether they have sanctioned any scheme to supply adequate quantity of water;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that they have sunk a curb well which is a failure;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that they intend to divert the channel water to the well and from there pump water to the town?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT** (**Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao**).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under correspondence between Government, the Municipal Council, the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Health.

(*c*) A curb well is sunk and is reported to be successful.

(*d*) Government have received no such proposal.